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1. Only the top-level Communist leaders and Party organizations insist on further communizing Yugoslavia. The majority of low-level Party officials and Party members are disappointed with Communism and with the results of industrialization and land collectivization.
2. Local Party leaders complain that they cannot enforce Communist discipline among Party members and exhausted workers. Further sacrifices, implying more work and greater self-denial, sugared with promises of a better standard of living in the future are ignored because earlier promises made have not been kept. In addition, Party members are aware of the formation of a Party "noblesse" and of the Party coterie who are living in luxury. Discipline in the Party is slackening because of this and many Party principles and even orders from the Central Committee are reluctantly applied, or not applied at all, by the local organs.
3. At the present time, there are fewer Party meetings and manifestations than in the past, and they are not enforced by the authorities. This year on 1 May, employees and workers were not ordered to take part in the manifestations and, as a result, they were poorly attended.
4. The people of Yugoslavia, including many Party members, are dissatisfied with the regime. In addition to lack of freedom, personal security and stability, they are afraid that the regime is leading the country to economic exhaustion and catastrophe by experimenting with new unrealizable and chimerical systems in the exploitation of the country's resources. The people are left ill-fed and ill-clad, while the Government is exporting large quantities of Yugoslav food and goods abroad in order to procure the means for investments in heavy industry at home and to pay large sums of money for propaganda purposes abroad.

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5. In the opinion of intellectuals in Yugoslavia, the regime is at an impasse, and maintains itself in power only because of aid from the Western Powers. The regime will remain in power as long as the differences between the East and West exist.
6. Although the Party leaders solemnly state that they will never abandon the Communist principles, they do not respect any principles. They are concerned only with maintaining themselves in power. If forced by international political developments, they would join the West or Moscow, depending upon which would give them better assurances of retaining their power.
7. The Socialist Federation of the Working People of Yugoslavia [REDACTED] is completely under the control of the Communist Party. Its leading personalities are members of the Communist Party Politburo.

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